

Ms. Oliver has a philosophy that exemplifies her devotion to social justice and education: Empower those who cannot empower themselves. Through career choices and organizational memberships, Ms. Oliver is clearly dedicated to the betterment of her community; it is this characteristic that marks her as a distinguished woman of education.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Shirley M. Oliver.

THE 50TH PROCLAMATION FOR THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RE- SOURCES

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Center for Family Resources. Founded in 1960, founders Fred Bentley, Sr., Howard Ector, and Harry Holliday envisioned a better way to combine six existing emergency assistance organizations in Cobb County under one roof.

Families repeatedly faced limited access to affordable transportation, childcare and housing, as well as a lack of education and training to secure and maintain employment. The organization determined the removal of those barriers was the real key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Cobb Family Resources has grown from a small emergency aid agency to a multi-function human services organization, serving both generations of the family to develop personal responsibility and a self-sufficient lifestyle.

Today, it serves as an average of 10,000 individuals each year. Records also indicate more than 400,000 individuals have been served by CFR since 1960.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Center for Family Resources.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BA VAN LE

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Ba Van Le, a pioneer in the Vietnamese American community and a prominent entrepreneur, beloved by family and friends.

Born on December 26, 1932, Ba Van Le was raised in the An Giang Province of Southern Vietnam. In Vietnam, he was a successful businessman who owned a thriving sugar cane refinery in Saigon that earned him the nickname "The Sugar King."

Following the Vietnam War, Ba, his wife Hanh and their three oldest children fled Vietnam in search of new beginnings. Like many Vietnamese, Ba and his family settled at a refugee camp in Malaysia. Over a year later, Ba and the rest of the Le family arrived in the United States, staying briefly in Clovis, New Mexico and Monterey, California before settling in San Jose, California.

In 1981, Ba, along with his sons Chieu and Henry, began operating a mobile lunch truck in downtown San Jose. With newfound success, the business expanded to a permanent Vietnamese sandwich shop, becoming the very first store location of what would evolve into the family's chain restaurant, Lee's Sandwiches.

Ba was a prime example of the American entrepreneurial spirit. With the suggestion of his grandson to incorporate business ideas from American fast food chains, Ba and his family expanded their food menu and opened 30 locations in Northern and Southern California, Texas, Arizona, and Oklahoma. With hard work and perseverance, both he and his family have played a major role in popularizing the Vietnamese sandwich, bánh mì, and other Vietnamese food in mainstream American food consciousness.

Not only did Ba establish a thriving restaurant specializing in Vietnamese cuisine, he and his family's small business became the first chain restaurant to serve the needs of the Vietnamese American community.

Madam Speaker, Ba Van Le's innovative spirit and cross-cultural achievements will be remembered for years to come. It is my hope that his legacy will inspire future generations to find creative ways to serve the needs of the diverse Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the Le Family during this time of remembrance.

LETICIA M. DIAZ: STRENGTHENING AMERICA

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring attention to an article written by Leticia M. Diaz at Barry University entitled "Strengthening America." Dr. Diaz, who holds a PhD and a JD from Rutgers University, is the Dean of the Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando and a member of the advisory committee for the newly formed American Bar Association Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities.

STRENGTHENING AMERICA

(By Leticia M. Diaz)

Like millions of others, I came to America with my immigrant parents. Seizing on the opportunities and access to superior education offered by this country allowed me to not only achieve the American dream, but to give back to this nation.

My story is far from unique. Like the immigrants before me, I came to the United States to seek the freedom and the opportunities unavailable in the country of my birth. Comprised of a vast immigrant population, the United States matured and expanded as a result of the great Irish and Chinese immigrations of the 1800s along with many newcomers from Europe over the years. These immigrants provided much of the labor force that built the infrastructure as our country grew into a world power. Over the years, my family and millions of other immigrants worked hard to make America into a strong, productive, and dynamic nation.

Today, tens of thousands of young adults stand ready to give back to the country they

call home. By opening the door to educational advancement or military service, the DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act before Congress benefits those youngsters who, as children, accompanied their parents to the United States. But without passage of the DREAM Act, these young people—who have already proven themselves in our schools and communities—face a very uncertain future.

The DREAM Act would grant legal status to young adults brought to the United States as undocumented immigrant children. The rigorous requirements under the Act ensure that only contributing members of society who have already proven themselves to be law-abiding citizens and dedicated students would enjoy the benefits of the Act.

The stringent criterion prescribed by the DREAM Act ensures that the floodgates to illegal immigration will remain closed. Instead, the Act addresses the issue of young, undocumented children who have grown up in this country and excelled in school. As they seek to enlist in the military or continue their education and launch their careers, these motivated pro-American youngsters continue to run into unreasonable roadblocks. The DREAM Act prudently addresses those hurdles.

All members of society will benefit from the DREAM Act, not just a select few. Everyone wins when we educate the youth of tomorrow, encourage them to achieve their career goals, and motivate them to become productive citizens of our great country. As an educator and a person who was born in Cuba and immigrated at an early age, I am foremost an American who recognizes the importance of providing access to education to those who are truly committed to learning and personal growth.

As Americans, we have a moral obligation to address the immigration issues facing our country. The DREAM Act would be a great start to much-needed reform. As such, we urge Congress to pass the DREAM Act, blazing a trail for these young adults to become valuable, contributing members of the United States as they deserve.

Madam Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to bring the DREAM Act to the floor for immediate consideration.

HONORING THE HORNELL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING ITS SECOND CONSECU- TIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND 26TH CONSECUTIVE WIN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hornell High School football team for the great success that they achieved on the football field during the 2010 season. This year, the Red Raiders won their second consecutive New York State Class B championship. The victory in the championship game was the Red Raiders' 26th consecutive victory over the last two years. The Hornell Red Raiders are in the distinguished position of having the longest current win streak in New York State high school football. Through their hard work, great determination and incredible success on the football field, the Hornell Red Raiders have brought great honor to their team, their school, and the City of Hornell. It is with no small amount of pride that we recognize the players and cheerleaders, coaches